

**Minutes of the Tudor Area Community Council**  
**January 4, 2007**  
**Rogers Park Elementary School / Lubavitch Jewish Center <sup>1</sup>**

Sheli Dodson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were six members and eleven guests attending. The council approved the minutes for the Dec. 7, 2006, meeting without objection.

Scheduled speakers:

Mr. Traini gave the Assembly report. The Assembly will choose a replacement for Assemblywoman Fairclough at the next assembly meeting. There are many well-qualified applicants for the position.

Mr. Tom Wolf, CH2M Hill engineer, gave an overview of the AWWU Anchorage Loop Water Transmission Main Project plan. The purpose of Phase IV is to relieve low water pressure in south and west Anchorage. AWWU's goal is to have the loop completed by summer 2008.

Sgt. Cindy Stanton provided the Police Dept. report. The December 2006 police academy graduates are now in partner training. New hires for academy training are assigned downtown for parking enforcement. There were three homicides New Year's Eve and day – drug and/or booze-related. Responding to a question, she provided details about an accident on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. involving a police car. The accident was primarily weather-related; it won't justify a traffic light at MacInnes St.

Council members and Sgt. Stanton discussed drug-house signs and symptoms. There may be a problem developing on Salem Loop. Call 786-8864, the APD Drug Tip hotline, to report an apparent drug house. The Crime Stoppers number is 561-STOP. Sgt. Stanton will transfer to the Crimes Against Kids unit when a replacement community liaison officer is found. We will miss her concern for the community and her common-sense answers, and we wish her well.

Mr. Bill Strickler, DOWL Engineers, gave an update on the E. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., E. 48<sup>th</sup> Ave., and Dowling Road improvement projects. All have websites with current project information. The preliminary engineering report on the Tudor-Lake Otis intersection improvements has been sent to the Muni. The project will add turn lanes to Tudor to improve traffic flow. The environmental documents are next on the engineers' schedule. Mr. Strickler hopes for some visible improvement in traffic on Tudor by 2010. Before then, he said, traffic will be bad to horrible. The engineers are making steady progress on the Tudor Rd. master plan. They're now working on the Bragaw-to-Boniface segment.

Mr. John Nabors, project manager for the Lubavitch Jewish Center, made a detailed presentation on the museum and community center that Rabbi Greenberg and the

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<sup>1</sup> Council members gathered at Rogers Park Elementary School before 7 PM. The building was closed for the holidays, and was locked and unavailable for use despite prior assurances otherwise. Representatives of the Lubavitch Jewish Center were scheduled to speak at the community council meeting, so they volunteered the use of their facilities at 1210 E. 26<sup>th</sup> St. for the TACC meeting. Council members and guests then met at the Lubavitch Jewish Center.

congregation hopes to build on the north side of E. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. at MacInnes St. A copy of the text of their presentation handout is attached. Mr. Nabors was followed by the project architect, Ms. Marina Kovacs of Kumin Associates, Inc. She showed graphics of the design concept. The building would be about 12,500 square feet and would include parking for about 70 vehicles. There would be two driveways entering 36<sup>th</sup> Ave., east and west of MacInnes St. The building design and site plan are not yet complete, as they depend on the Lubavitch Jewish Center being able to acquire all of the necessary land. The project landscape architect, Peter Briggs of Corvus Design, spoke about the various land conditions and proposed actions.

The purpose of Mr. Nabors' presentation was to obtain support from the community council for a swap of 40,000 square feet of publicly owned parkland adjacent to the proposed building site for a 23,000 square foot lot the Lubavitch Center owns next to Otis Lake. The land swap must be approved by a vote of the public. Mr. Nabors provided a proposed resolution for the Tudor Area Community Council to endorse. A copy of the proposed resolution is attached. Mr. Brad Dunker, a park planner with the Municipal Parks & Recreation Dept., spoke in favor of the land swap. The lands have not yet been appraised. The Lubavitch Center will offer money to make up for any shortage in the value of their property. Mr. Nabors said the Center would come back to the Community Council several more times with information, and before asking for the Council's endorsement.

Mr. Nabors and Rabbi Greenberg then asked the council to approve a resolution endorsing the land swap this evening. Council members present engaged in a lengthy discussion, concluding that the council would not vote on a resolution that had not been presented to as many members of the Tudor Area Community as possible. Mr. Franks, council vice president, noted that the Lubavitch Jewish Center's presentation tonight had been on the agenda as an information briefing, not as an action item for the council. Several council members thought that the proposed resolution was overly detailed for endorsing a concept. The issue will be on the February agenda.

There were no Federation of Community Councils (FCC) or legislative reports.

#### Old Business:

Any discussion of David Green Park was tabled until the next meeting.

#### New Business:

##### Election of officers:

All positions on the council's board expired this year. The terms of the open positions were staggered (one or two-year term) to conform to the council's bylaws. (Future elections will revert to standard two-year terms.) Prior notice of the election was given at last month's meeting and in an election notice e-mailed to the FCC for distribution to all TACC newsletter recipients.

The current officers present volunteered to stand again for election. Each was nominated and elected unanimously. The results are: President, Sheli Dodson, 2 year term; Vice president, Kevin Frank, 1 year term; Secretary, Jacob Tuckerman, 1 year term; Treasurer, Deanne Tuckerman, 2 year term. The members-at-large nominated from the floor were

Richard Newman and Liz Ashlock. Each was elected unanimously, Mr. Newman to a 2-year term, and Ms. Ashlock to a 1-year term.

Other new business: Kevin Frank reported on the U-Med District Traffic Plan to improve bus stops and clear automotive lanes. Information on it can be found at [www.peoplemover.org](http://www.peoplemover.org).

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 9:37 PM.

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